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The Humble

ADDRESS

Of the Right Honourable the

Lords Spiritual and Temporal

In PARLIAMENT Aſſembled.

Die Martis 22. *Martii*, 1715.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majeſty's moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Aſſembled, beg Leave to Preſent to Your Majeſty, our moſt humble and hearty Thanks, for Your Majeſty's moſt Gracious Speech to Your Houſes of Parliament; and to Aſſure Your Majeſty, That although we Met together with Hearts deeply Senſible of the Goodneſs of Divine Providence to us, in Bringing Your Majeſty with Safety, and at ſo Critical a Juncture, to the Throne of Your Anceſtors: Yet we could not but become ſtill more affected with that Ineſtimable Bleſſing, when we heard ſo very Affectionate Expreſſions from Your Majeſty towards Your People; ſo clear and full Aſſurances from a Prince of ſuch known Honour and Juſtice, that the Eſtabliſh'd Conſtitution in Church and State ſhall be the Rule of Your Government; and ſo Juſt and Tender a Concern for our not having obtain'd thoſe Advantages by the Peace, which would have been but a ſuitable Concluſion to ſo Glorious and Succeſsful a War,; nor as yet a due Execution of ſome Conditions, even of that Peace, Eſſential to the Security and Trade of this Kingdom.

We are affected with Wonder as well as with a juſt Reſentment, that a Pretender to Your Majeſty's Crown ſhould be yet permitted to Reſide ſo near Your Dominions, eſpecially after his Publick Boaſting of an Aſſiſtance he expects here, and his Avowing a Deſign to Invade this Your Majeſty's Kingdom.

We are but too Senſible, that our Trade is rendred Impracticable in the moſt Valuable Branches of it, and of the Ill Effects that muſt have upon our Manufactures and Navigation: But Your Majeſty may be Aſſur'd, nothing ſhall be wanting on our Part that may any Way conduce to the Retrieving it.

Theſe and other Difficulties Your Majeſty hath met with on Your Acceſſion to the Crown (and which we muſt obſerve, in Juſtice to Your Wiſdom and Foreſight, would have been Prevented, had Your Opinion been followed) we muſt Confeſs are very Great and Diſcouraging; however we do not doubt, but that Your Majeſty, Aſſiſted by this Parliament, Zealous for Your Government, and the Safety and Honour of their Country, may be Able to take ſuch further Meaſures, as will Secure what is due to us by Treaties, Eaſe our Debts, Preſerve the Publick Credit, Reſtore our Trade, Extinguiſh the very Hopes of the Pretender, and Recover the Reputation of this Kingdom in Foreign Parts; the Loſs of which, we hope to Convince the World by our Actions, is by no Means to be Imputed to the Nation in general.

And theſe good Ends cannot fail of being obtain'd, by Your Majeſty's purſuing with Steadineſs, as You have begun, the true Intereſt of this Your Obedient and Affectionate People; And Your Majeſty may, by God's Bleſſing, depend, That, in Conjunction with ſo Loyal a Parliament, You will be Able to lay Foundations that can never be moved, not only of the Security and Glory, but even of the Eaſe and Tranquillity of Your Government, and that of Your Majeſty's Poſterity; for which we offer up our moſt ardent Prayers, That it may for ever continue to Reign after Your Majeſty on the Throne of theſe Kingdoms, and in the Hearts of a People truly Happy, and fully Senſible of their being ſo.

His MAJESTY's Moſt Gracious Anſwer.

My Lords,

I Thank you heartily for this Addreſs; Your Duty and Loyalty to Me can never be better Expreſs'd, than by ſhewing a juſt Concern for the Reputation and Intereſt of the Nation, ſince I have no other Thought or View, but to Promote the Proſperity and Happineſs of My People.

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